GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SPEED OF GOODS TRAFFIC
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railways had hoped that after electrifying certain routes, the speed of goods traffic, would increase appreciably;

(b) whether railways have actually studied and monitored such aspects of goods traffic, particularly and specifically in newly electrified track routes which were financed by the World Bank;

(c) if so, the details of findings by the Railways on the speed of goods trains in the Jhansi-Itarsi sector and the Ballarshah-Vijayawada section;

(d) the reasons for the low level of efficiency in the movement of goods trains even after electrification; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to improve such aspects of railway operations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Important aspects of goods traffic like average speed etc. of all routes including electrified routes of Jhansi-Itarsi and Ballarshah-Vijayawada section financed by World Bank, have been monitored. The increase in the average speeds of goods trains after electrification of these sections, was between 15% to 26%.

(d) The question does not arise in view of (b) & (c) above.

(e) Railways have planned for introduction of more and more high power electric locomotives and high speed wagon stock gradually to improve the productivity further.